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1. Tire requirements for 1954:

Type of Motor Vehicles	Number of Vehicles in Operation	Daily Performance (in km)	Number of Operational Days	Total of km	Lifetime of tire (in km)	
Trucks: under 1.5 tons	37,800	x 30	x 300	340,200,000	45,000	truck tires
upward of 1.5 tons	25,200	x 132	x 300	990,000,000	55,000	" "
Buses:	2,400	x 162	x 300	117,000,000	50,000	" "
Prime movers:	7,700	x 50	x 300	115,500,000	55,000	including 4,200 sedan tires 4,200 truck tires
Sedans:	54,000	x 48	x 300	780,000,000	45,000	sedan tires
Motorcycles:	230,000	x 12	x 300	1,035,000,000	45,000	motorcycle tires
Bus trailers:	400	x 162	x 300	19,440,000	50,000	truck tires
Truck trailers:	32,500	x 30	x 300	290,000,000	55,000	" "
Total requirements				truck tires	139,140	
				sedan tires	103,800	
				prime mover tires	4,200	
				motorcycle tires	46,000	1

Allocations in the various quarters of the year:

I	II	III	IV
22 percent	27 percent	27 percent	24 percent

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Note. This column lists 80 percent of trucks, buses, prime movers, and bus trailers actually available in East Germany, with truck trailers this figure is 60 percent and with motorcycles 100 percent.

2. Battery requirements for 1954:

Type of Motor Vehicles	Number of Vehicles in Operation	Number of Batteries Required	Total Value of New Batteries (in eastmarks)
Motorcycles:	230,000	46,000	460,000
Sedans:	90,000	45,000	1,350,000
Trucks:			
under 1.5 tons	54,000	27,000	810,000
under 3 tons	18,000	9,000	270,000
over 3 tons	18,000	9,000	810,000
Buses:	3,000	3,000	270,000
Prime movers:	11,000	5,000	
including		3,000	90,000
		2,500	225,000
Total			4,285,000 eastmarks

Allocations in the various quarters of the year:

I	II	III	IV
22 percent	27 percent	31 percent	20 percent

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Trucks	93,003 units
Buses	2,367 "
Prime movers	14,586 "
Trailers	50,806 "
Sedans	68,015 "
Motorcycles	174,583 "

According to available information, 72,134 trucks with a load capacity under 3 tons and 10,545 with a load capacity upward of 3 tons, i.e. a total of 82,679 trucks were available as of 1 January 1952.

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According to another source, tires allocated for 1953 included 110,000 for trucks, 70,000 for sedans and 6,000 for motorcycles.

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